



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**MELBOURNE**



# International Highlights & Happenings

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## Colleagues

The breadth of international activities continues to increase involving all faculties. Some recent developments are highlighted here. I would be pleased to hear more about such activities. At the May University Council meeting I presented a report on international activities over the past year. The presentation was very well received with Council members expressing strong support for the programs being undertaken.

## Divisional Restructure and Staff Changes

Tony Crooks has been appointed to the position of Director International, commencing 11 July 2007. Tony will lead the international recruiting, international admissions, offshore offices and international relations efforts of the University.

In the interim Karen Gould is overseeing the international recruiting, offshore offices and admissions areas in consultation with Carmel Murphy who has overall coordinating responsibility for these areas until Tony's arrival.

We are very glad to welcome Tony to the Melbourne International team. He brings to this position over 20 years' experience in international education around the globe. He is currently completing a posting to Santiago de Chile, where he serves as the Australian Government's Counsellor (Education, Science and Training) for South America.

## Malaysian Split PhD Agreement

The Malaysian Attorney-General's Department has now approved the Collaboration Agreement for Capacity Building in Malaysian Higher Education. Negotiations for some minor amendments are currently

being finalised. Professor Barbara Evans and I plan to visit the 7 participating Malaysian universities once the text of the agreement is settled, which we anticipate will be in July.

## Offshore Offices

The University is currently giving consideration to establishing two additional offshore offices, in Shanghai and San Francisco.

A Shanghai office would assist the university to promote Growing Esteem and to continue to attract quality students, as well as providing a liaison point for the 15 Chinese institutions with which we have agreements for academic cooperation and collaboration. It would also allow the university to better support the growing number of Chinese alumni, one of the University's largest international alumni communities. The San Francisco office would perform functions throughout the Americas with a focus on Study Abroad and the APRU network.

A Business Plan will be presented to Planning and Budget Committee in June detailing the projected savings for faculties and central administration and estimated revenue to be generated.

Meanwhile, Ms Ng Chin Wei has been appointed Country Manager (Malaysia) and will join Jan Drew in the Malaysian Office. Chin Wei is a graduate of Trinity College Foundation Studies and the University (Faculty of Arts).

## Confucius Institute

<http://www.confuciusinstitute.unimelb.edu.au>

The Confucius Institute is now offering Business and Academic Programs. For course inquiries please contact Vicki Zhang at [vzhang@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:vzhang@unimelb.edu.au) or 9347-8462. Course descriptions are available online

at the above web address. The Confucius Institute is located at 172 Bouverie Street, Carlton.

The Confucius Institute will be hosting the Victorian Final of the China Bridge Chinese Language Competition for University Students. Please feel free to come and support the students.

Date: Friday 25th of May  
Time: 6.15pm - 9.00pm  
Venue: Sisalkraft Theatre, Architecture

For more information please contact Catherine Wang at [cwan@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:cwan@unimelb.edu.au) or 9349 5865.

**Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU)**  
<http://www.apru.org/>

This month the Vice-Chancellor and I will travel to China to attend the 11th Annual APRU Presidents Meeting at Zhejiang University from 28 to 30 May.

Melbourne has also had a presence at two recent APRU World Institute workshops. Professor Jim Falk attended the workshop on climate change at the University of California San Diego in April 2007. Professor Graham Brown will attend the Public Health workshop to be held at Peking University in May 2007.

**U21 Presidents' Meeting**  
<http://www.universitas21.com/>

The Senior Vice-Principal attended the tenth annual U21 Presidents' Meeting at McGill University, Montreal, from 19-20 April. He reported that President John Casteen III (University of Virginia) was appointed Chair of U21 for 2007-08. There are also two new members: Waseda University (Japan) was admitted to membership at the Montreal meeting, while Delhi University is to be admitted as soon as the formalities are completed. This will bring the number of member universities to 20.

**Endeavour Scholarships**  
<http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au/>

**Applications for 2008 Endeavour Awards are now open and will close on 31 July 2007**

The Endeavour Programme is an internationally competitive, merit-based scholarship programme offered by the Australian Government. The Endeavour Programme provides opportunities for high achieving researchers, executives and students from Australia to undertake study, research or professional development abroad.

These opportunities include:

*Endeavour Research Fellowships* enable postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows from Australia to undertake four to six months research in participating Asia-Pacific countries.

*Endeavour Research Fellowships for Indigenous Australians* enable Indigenous Australian scholars to undertake four to six months research in participating Asia-Pacific countries.

*Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowships* enable postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows from Australia to undertake four to six months research in participating Asia-Pacific countries.

*Endeavour Awards for Turkey* enable postgraduate students from Australia to undertake either a Masters degree or PhD in Turkey or research in Turkey towards a Masters degree or PhD in Australia.

*Endeavour Malaysia Awards* enable postgraduate students from Australia to undertake either a Masters degree or PhD in Malaysia or research in Malaysia towards a Masters degree or PhD in Australia.

*Endeavour Executive Awards* enable Australian executives in business, industry, education or government to work in an associated field for one to four months in a participating Asia-Pacific country.

**International Committee 8 May 2007**  
[http://www.iro.unimelb.edu.au/iro/policy\\_and\\_coord/international\\_committee](http://www.iro.unimelb.edu.au/iro/policy_and_coord/international_committee)

The main items for discussion at the International Committee meeting on 8 May were the International Strategic Engagement Fund and the proposal to establish two additional offshore offices in Shanghai and San Francisco.

**Associate Deans International 15 May 2007**

The Vice-Principal (Marketing and Communications) and the Acting Manager, Marketing and Recruitment Offshore attended the meeting of Associate Deans International on 15 May to discuss international marketing and recruitment strategies, including for niche markets.

**MUOSS Executive**

On 30 April I met with members of the MUOSS Executive to share information on international developments and to learn about international students' concerns. The discussion canvassed the impact of VSU on MUOSS, transport concessions, cultural integration and social networks, the Melbourne Model and MUOSS activities. Further meetings with MUOSS and with the UMPA President and International Officer will be arranged.

**Melbourne Global Citizen Program**

Claire O'Boyle has presented her feasibility report on the establishment of a Melbourne Global Citizen Program and a Framework Proposal for "Global Citizens" to be a new University Breadth Subject. A host coordinating academic school will now be sought to champion the subject "Global Citizens" through the Board of Undergraduate Studies. As a breadth subject "Global Citizens" aims to provide opportunities for students to become actively involved in humanitarian, development, environmental and other internationally significant projects. This

subject will be one of a university-wide suite of volunteer programs and activities operating at different levels and offering experiences.

It is envisaged that a pilot program will be run in 2008 with a view to offering the subject as a University Breadth Subject to second and higher year students from 2009. In the future the Global Citizens program might be expanded to cater for non-award and postgraduate students.

#### **Find an Expert**

[www.findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au)

Research staff are encouraged to update their international linkages on the Find an Expert site. You can update this information in Themis via the UOM Research Self Service. Further instructions for updating information can be found at:

[http://www.findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/about\\_staff.htm](http://www.findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/about_staff.htm)

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#### **International Plan**

Printed copies of the International Plan are now available and have been distributed to some staff. If you would like a copy, please contact Karen Barker ([kareneb@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:kareneb@unimelb.edu.au)).

#### **Request for News Items**

If you have news items of interest to your university international colleagues, please submit them to Karen Barker ([kareneb@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:kareneb@unimelb.edu.au)).

Please contact me with your views regarding the University engagement in international activities.

With best wishes

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